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June 25, 2019

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Kearsarge Telephone Company - Notice of Network Change**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 51.325 – 51.335 of the Commission's rules, Kearsarge Telephone Company ("KTC") hereby submits the attached: Certification of Public Notice of Network Change under rule 51.329(a); Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.333; and Certification of Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.333. Specifically, KTC is providing notification of the replacement of copper distribution and loop facilities with fiber-to-the-home facilities in certain digital service areas (DSA) located in Boscawen, New London, Salisbury, and Wilmot NH. Upon completion, KTC will provide services through its fiber optic network.

All of the customers served by copper at these locations purchase "plain old telephone service" (POTS). Following transition to fiber, KTC will continue to offer these customers the same POTS service over fiber at the same or better price as they received on copper facilities. There will be no change in the underlying features and functionalities in their service: this is not a transition to IP-based service, and KTC will offer these customers the same regulated service they have today.

Please contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,



Pam Trickett  
Sr. Administrator -Regulatory Compliance

Attachments

## **CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF NETWORK CHANGE UNDER RULE 51.329(a)**

On June 17, 2019 the following Public Notice of Network Change has been made by Merrimack County Telephone Company pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 51.325 – 51.335.

The Public Notice may also be viewed on TDS' website at:

<https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2019.html>

Title of Network Notification:

TDS Public Notice 2019-37 Merrimack County Telephone (6.17) – Copper Retirement

Pam Trickel  
Sr. Administrator Regulatory Compliance  
TDS Telecommunications LLC  
525 Junction Rd  
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608-664-7872

Date: June 17, 2019

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.333**  
**Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2019-37 Merrimack County Telephone (6.17)**

June 17, 2019

**Carrier:** Merrimack County Telephone Company, 11 Kearsarge Ave, Contoocook, NH 03229

**Contact:** For additional information on these planned network changes, please contact:

Jennifer Heise  
Regulatory Compliance Manager  
TDS Telecommunications Corporation  
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**Implementation Date:** On or after October 7, 2019

**Planned Network Change(s) Will Occur at the Following DSAs:**

DSA CLLI	DSA address
WRNRNH20	96 HWY. 127 Warner, NH 03278
CNTCNH30	990 E. Penacook Rd., Hopkinton, NH 03229
CNTCNH31	624 Tyler Rd., Webster, NH 03303
CNTCNH50	77 Tamarack Rd., Hopkinton, NH 03229
HLBONH10	163 Center Rd., Hillsborough, NH 03244
ANTRNH15	226 N. Bennington Rd., Bennington, NH 03442
ANTRNH50	226 N. Bennington Rd., Bennington, NH 03442
WRNRNH21	55 Melvin Mills Rd., Warner, NH 03278
WRNRNH45	13 Farrell Loop, Warner, NH 03278
STTNH10	11 Roby Rd., Sutton, NH 03273

Locations Retirement of copper network facilities in the area listed in Exhibit A

**Description of the Planned Network Change(s):**

Merrimack County Telephone Company intends to retire a number of copper facilities in the DSA locations listed on the attached Exhibits to provide services over a fiber network infrastructure. Merrimack County Telephone Company has deployed its fiber-to-the-home network in the areas identified in Exhibits A.

**Description of Reasonably Foreseeable Impact(s) of the Planned Change(s):**

After the retirement of the copper facilities, Merrimack County Telephone Company will: (1) no longer offer services over copper facilities; and (2) cease maintaining the copper facilities. These retirements will have no impact on the services provided to the retail customers served by the copper facilities that will be retired. Further, there will be no changes to rates, terms and conditions.

**Exhibit A**  
**Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2019-37 Merrimack County Telephone (6.17)**

The copper facilities associated with the following addresses served by

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 96 HWY. 127 Warner, NH 03278

CLLI – WRNRNH20

<b>Community</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Building Number</b>
Warner	Poverty Plains Rd.	359, 395, 413
Warner	Route 127	75, 114
Webster	Battle St.	114, 204
Webster	Ox Pond Rd.	34
Webster	Poverty Plains Rd.	406

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 990 E. Penacook Rd., Hopkinton, NH 03229

CLLI – CNTCNH30

<b>Community</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Building Number</b>
Hopkinton	Briar Hill Rd.	1556
Hopkinton	Broad Cove Rd.	451, 578, 940
Hopkinton	Buzwell Corner Rd.	46
Hopkinton	East Penacook Rd.	36, 515, 734, 891
Hopkinton	Fire Pond Rd.	187
Hopkinton	Folsum Rd.	82
Hopkinton	Penacook Rd.	834, 945
Hopkinton	Stacey Dr.	81
Webster	Tyler Rd.	78, 104

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 624 Tyler Rd., Webster, NH 03303

CLLI – CNTCNH31

<b>Community</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Building Number</b>
Webster	Battle St.	367, 457, 541, 781
Webster	Call Rd.	29
Webster	Roby Rd.	80, 97, 173, 180
Webster	Tyler Rd.	293, 301, 315, 379, 450, 547, 548, 616
Webster	Winnepocket Rd.	99, 165

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 77 Tamarack Rd., Hopkinton, NH 03229

CLLI – CNTCNH50

Community	Street	Building Number
Hopkinton	College Hill Rd	334, 486
Hopkinton	Country Club Rd	40
Hopkinton	Galloping Hill Rd	48, 69
Hopkinton	Hatfield Rd	725, 1556
Hopkinton	Moran Rd	219
Hopkinton	Peaked Hill Dr	107, 122
Hopkinton	River Rd	865
Hopkinton	Thain Rd	390, 698
Hopkinton	Turnberry Ln	69

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 163 Center Rd., Hillsborough, NH 03244

CLLI – HLBNH10

Community	Street	Building Number
Hillsborough	Bible Hill Rd	D63470
Hillsborough	Center Rd	62, 166, 213, 309
Hillsborough	Jefferson Dr	21, 38, 201, 225, 243
Hillsborough	Madison Cir	67

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 226 N. Bennington Rd., Bennington, NH 03442

CLLI – ANTRNH15

Community	Street	Building Number
Antrim	Mountainside Dr	70, 87, 91, 97
Antrim	Pierce Lake Rd	55, 108, 146

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 226 N. Bennington Rd., Bennington, NH 03442

CLLI – ANTRNH50

Community	Street	Building Number
Antrim	Balch Farm Rd	31
Antrim	Bennington N 1 Rd	37, 41, 84, 282, 431, 489, 546, 552, 569, 593
Antrim	Bible Hill Rd	276, 227, 279
Antrim	Merrill Dr	13, 21, 36, 51
Antrim	Pine Meadow Cir	31, 59
Antrim	Switzer Rd	27

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 55 Melvin Mills Rd., Warner, NH 03278

CLLI – WRNRNH21

<b>Community</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Building Number</b>
Warner	Bible Hill Ln	66, 83, 200, 206
Warner	Collins Rd	399
Warner	Melvin Rd	155
Warner	Horne St	65
Warner	Newmarket Rd	454
Warner	Route 103 W 2	742

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 13 Farrell Loop, Warner, NH 03278

CLLI – WRNRNH45

<b>Community</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Building Number</b>
Warner	Annis Loop	60
Warner	Farrell Loop	6, 13
Warner	Joppa E 1 Rd	86, 114
Warner	Red Chimney Rd	110, 141
Warner	Route 103 E 2	360, 386

Merrimack County Telephone Company's DSA located at 11 Roby Rd., Sutton, NH 03273

CLLI – STTNNH10

<b>Community</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Building Number</b>
Sutton	Barker Rd	252, 274
Sutton	Cottage Ln	106, 129
Sutton	Pound S 2 Rd	14
Sutton	Roby Rd	300, 326
Sutton	Route 114	471, 665, 681

## **CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.333**

I, Linda Robinson, do hereby certify that on June 17, 2019 (a minimum of five business days prior to filing with the Commission), I caused Merrimack County Telephone Company's Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333 to be served upon each telephone exchange service provider that directly interconnects with Merrimack County Telephone Company's network in the applicable area(s). Attached in Exhibit B are the names and addresses of those providers who were served.

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Manager - Regulatory Compliance & Carrier Relations  
TDS Telecommunications Corporation  
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865-671-4758

Date: June 17, 2019

**Exhibit B**

**Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2019-37 Merrimack County Telephone (6.17)**

Consolidated Communications (formerly FairPoint), 5 Davis Farm Road, Portland ME 04103